

Local Number Portability Porting Interval and Validation Requirements: Telephone Number Portability

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Number portability introduced to consumers in 2004 was huge benefit to people who wanted to switch wireless carriers and keep the number that has attached to them in this ever growing wireless world. When this law was introduced wireless companies revolted saying that it was too expensive and it would eat away at their profits, this was not the case, and the companies have little to no expense involved in the portability of phone numbers (Murray, 2008). As of today, December 27, 2011, it takes four days to port a number from one carrier to another due to resistance of the carriers allowing this to happen. It actually only takes about thirty minutes for a number to be switched from one carrier to another, this is because everything is automated with little human interaction (Local Number Portability Porting Interval and Validation Requirements: Telephone number Portability, 2010). The proposed regulation reduces the amount of time it takes for number portability by reducing a company's ability to block the transfer with paperwork and other tactical ploys. People build lives around their telephone numbers and large corporations making billions already on the backs of Americans need to know that at some point there needs to be a point where they take on some of the cost. This new requirement will actually reduce the cost involved in number portability as it will take unnecessary steps out of the process and allow numbers to be ported faster than ever before. This new regulation will reduce the cost of portability for carriers at the same time bringing trust to the consumers about the wireless companies' bad intentions.

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